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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Special Group (C-I) Meeting

1. Review of the Thai estimate - Ball suggested and Committee requested a quarterly memo updating the estimate. This was agreed to by DCI and two such memos are to be issued - about mid-July and mid-October, and then ask for further instruction.

2. Review of Southeast Asia - Piaster question deferred because of progress Nolting making Nolting to meet with McNamara in May.

ACTION: CIA representative should attend the McNamara conference. McCone formally raised the question of trouble with Diem. Forrestal, Cooper and Jorden to study. DCI mentioned SVN estimate forthcoming April 17th, possibly. This should go to Forrestal.

3. Thailand - Military program discussed. Raised questions of JUMAG training and equipping of 120,000 while NIE indicates only 75,000 or 80,000 on board. This later explained by Navy and Air Force personnel totaling about 40,000. Are we over-equipping? C.I. training of 5061 personnel seems adequate. With respect to roads, 2 roads are to be built of Class 5 (5 meters and 3 meters ~~in~~ shoulders) are agreed on 50/50 basis.

ACTION: Note - Ambassador Young arriving 4/12. I should see him.

4. Cottrell report on the Managua meeting - report consistent with the written report. Gen. Krulak reported favorably on discussions. Plan to set up a program in each country to police subversion activities.

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ACTION: DD/P follow up and report from time to time on results.

Bundy raised question of operational plan - who runs it - how will it work. DCI said plan properly conceived by group but must be implemented by single agency such as DOD, State or CIA?

5. Bolivian IDP -- Reported by Martin. Recommend that report be approved for planning purpose. I opposed. No priorities given - plan excessive. Bundy-Bell also opposed. Plan referred back to Department for further study. McCone took position that issue cannot be sharpened unless level of U.S. expenditures and effort in Bolivia established.

6. Bolivian Arms -- DCI covered subject memo 9/63; agreed we (CIA) would report.

7. Secure police officer for Venezuela - FBI asked and could not release man. Decided Harriman should discuss with AG.

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